

**Amendments to the Abstract**

An optical data recording and storage medium that includes a reflective layer formed from a silver alloy that contains, in addition to silver, about 0.2 to about 1.0 ~~0.1 to about 4.0~~ wt. %, based on the total weight of alloy, of samarium (Sm), about 0.2 to about 2.0 wt. % of copper (Cu), about 0.1 to about 0.3 wt.% of titanium (Ti), and about 0.2 to about 0.8 wt.% of manganese (Mn).